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Col. Forbes Orders Industrial Survey of Veterans' Bureau

Col. Charles R. Forbes at the Veterans' Bureau has cleared decks for the elimination of unnecessary overhead expense. The plan of work and for the institution of co-ordinated systems of operation of all the offices and bureaus that come under his direction. To do this an industrial survey of the entire bureau is being planned under the guidance of Col. E. A. Shepherd, who established a reputation for such work in Washington by his service in the Shipping Board reorganization recently.

First of all, according to Col. Forbes, efficiency means the greatest service at the least possible cost to the government. This, in its ultimate solution, means the extraction of the smallest possible operating funds paid into the Treasury Department by American taxpayers. That is the last on which the survey is being made.

Cause of Duplication. Of next consideration is the cause for existence of duplication of work and unnecessary overhead at the present time in the Veterans' Bureau. Some time ago, it will be remembered, this bureau became the conglomerated melting pot for the old bureau of war risk insurance, the public health service and the board for vocational training. When these three distinct organizations merged under one head it was impossible that entire distinction of various units of these boards be eliminated on the moment.

Result. Dr. T. H. Scott, executive officer of the bureau, walked through the establishment one day with Col. Forbes and found three different national divisions and three or four different supply centers as well as similar distinct units which could just as well be combined into single centralized units.

In greater or lesser degree this situation prevailed throughout the entire establishment. Then Col. Shepherd walked into the scene. He had had experience in the Shipping Board reorganization similar in the general plan to what was needed in the Veterans' Bureau.

Result of Survey. After a short talk with the directing officer of the Veterans' Bureau he found that what was sought was: Quick service and speeding up of claims of the veterans of the world war.

Boy Scout News

A call was sent out yesterday for all scoutmasters of the District to assemble in Epiphany Parish Hall Tuesday night, when Maj. A. P. Clark of the Army War College, will lecture. Maj. Clark has experimented for years on the courses and prevention of "colds," and has arrived at some interesting conclusions.

Following the address there will be a round table discussion on several subjects pertinent to the welfare of all scouts.

Camp Roosevelt Tribe Banquet. Members of the Camp Roosevelt "C. M. O." are making plans for their annual banquet at the Chalmers Hotel on December 27. At a recent meeting the following chairmen of committees were appointed: Entertainment, R. H. Hutchison; menu, J. D. Hall; printing, R. M. Sims; decorations, Louis Atkins; tickets, Dan J. Tyrrell.

As guests of honor this year the tribe has invited Scout Executive Edward D. Shaw, Capt. F. M. Van Meter and Scoutmaster Charles M. Marsh, who was in charge of the "Order of the Wigwag" at the Wilson Scout Reservation last summer.

Sea Scout Ship Reorganization. The Washington sea scout ship met for reorganization at the Thomson School last Friday night, with Portmaster Adrian Sizer in charge. After their meeting the members of the ship visited Scout Troop No. 2, in charge of Scoutmaster Archie Davis, and gave a demonstration of sea scout activities.

Honor Court Awards Badges. Thirty-two merit badges were awarded to seventeen scouts by the court of honor last Tuesday night, as follows: Harry Lamberton, Troop 1, hiking; Troop 15, Benton Brooks, first aid, hand signals; Durand, interpreting; Walter McBroom, craftsmanship; Gordon Weber, cooking, swimming; Troop 23, Chief Craftman, bathtubs, cooking; Troop 41, C. W. Ricketts, Jr., craftsmanship, electricity; Troop 52, Paul McClean, craftsman; Troop 54, Charles S. Bradford, Swope, Harold Winterburn, Alex Wolf; Troop 67, Bernard Arandes, Abraham Bailey, Robert Gray, Henry Lewis, Eugene Peake; Troop 70, William Foulton; Troop 73, Philip Bleicher, Harry D. Jones, Feldman, Benjamin Goodman, Herman Goodman; Troop 101, Edward Fineran, John White.

New Troops Enrolled. Troop 14 was organized in Georgetown last Friday night, holding its initial meeting at the Georgetown Presbyterian Church. This will be a community troop. Elmer Gray will serve as scoutmaster and Edward Ziegler as assistant. Mr. Gray was formerly scoutmaster of one of the leading troops of Akron, Ohio. Mr. Ziegler is an eagle scout.

Troop 33, at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, has just been organized, with John W. Watts as scoutmaster and C. J. Schulz as assistant.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN

The music students of the Columbia Conservatory of Music, Wellington A. Adams, director, will give a Christmas musical program in the parlors of the school Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, as follows: Chorus, "Adagio Fiolino" (Reading); violin, "Old Folks at Home" (Foster); Master Carlton Jackson, ten years old; piano, selected, George Copeland; vocal, "Who Knows" (Dunbar-Ball); Theodore R. Cannady, baritone; violin, "Watching the Old Year Out" (Bradford Swope); John Gibson; vocal, Christmas song, "Cantique de Noel" (Adolphe Chailley); George Copeland; violin, piano duet, "Il Trovatore" (Verdi); Leonas Wannamaker and teacher; vocal, "O'er Bethlehem's Hills" (George); (b) "The Drummer as Silent" (Turner Layton); Beatrice Johnson, mezzo-soprano; violin (a) "At a Country Fair" (Greenwald); (b) "Holy Night"; Edgar Redmond; vocal (a) "I'll Sing The Songs of Araby" (Harford-Marshall); Ernest A. Holt, tenor; chorus, "Joy to the World"; school; Christmas greetings from the director.

Reorganization of certain sections of the bureau. Next thing known was that three different mail handling units had become one; different supply bases in the bureau had become a unit, and so on down the line. The preliminary work of the survey is almost completed. The shirt-sleeve labor period has arrived. Col. Shepherd is going at the work in the most logical possible way, it is believed, by taking men and women from the very units which he seeks to improve and making them members of his committee. He is in contact with the persons who know most about the details of operation of the units under consideration. But one thing is desired to be made clear. That is, the Veterans' Bureau is not operating at the present time with wilful waste or extravagant use of funds. It is already on a high plane of efficiency. What is desired is to raise this plane still higher. Col. Shepherd is authority for these statements. He declared he found no serious branches of good business management existent in the bureau in his cursory survey. But by scientific analysis of the work being done in the bureau he hopes to find means for improvement. It is simply the polishing off of the business system already in vogue in the bureau. His aims are to better the service to such an extent that service men may be able to find no fault in any detail with the work of the bureau; to have things running so smoothly that instant service can be given, so far as possible, and to benefit in the end, not only government and tax payers, but also the service men who have dealings with the bureau. And all this does not mean that the personnel of the bureau is in for a big cut. That is contingent upon other causes. For instance, the bureau, under the act by which it operates, ceased accepting claims for vocational training yesterday. The peak of the vocational training load has been passed, it is indicated since the number of men now in training is approximately 36,000, as compared with 108,000 in March last. Then, too, the bureau has found a marked decrease in the number of claims for compensation, although this does not necessarily mean less work, since the work on claims is more dependent upon the type of claims, rather than upon the number sent in.

The recent reduction of personnel was made possible largely by the elimination of duplication, however, in the activities of the various divisions and also by the more efficient co-operation of present activities. The bureau is releasing something over 1,200 employees already as a result of these scientifically instituted methods. Official Statement Given. An official statement of the bureau declares: "Where it was found advisable some of the work formerly performed by the discharged employees has been allotted to the present personnel. A very careful survey has been made of the work being done by each of the divisions and the industrial ex-

parts in charge of this work have advised as to how the divisions could be more efficiently operated. Re-establishment of the district and subdistrict offices in the field practically doubled the personnel of the bureau. These district offices have been required to reduce their personnel by 5 per cent. But even before this general reduction of personnel took place, some of the districts had accomplished a reduction by discontinuing the use of the sub-district offices, where the work of such offices was not necessary to the proper administration of soldier relief in those districts. It is expected that in the future some of these sub-district offices will be discontinued as the number of claims filed materially decreases."

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